

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 7 and 8, please insert the following paragraph:

Background

Within this application, several publications, references, and patents are referred to for indicating the general state of the art. The complete disclosures of all of these references, in their entireties, are herein incorporated by reference.

When searching the web, a user can be overwhelmed by thousands of results retrieved by a search engine, few of which are valuable. The search results of Web search engines are displayed according to a ranking given to each page by these search engines. Users rely heavily on such rankings to avoid having to inspect a large number of web pages.

Page 1, lines 13-21, replace with the following paragraph:

A seminal discussion of the well-known GoogleTM search engine is given in a paper by Sergey Brin and Lawrence Page, "The Anatomy of a Large-scale Hypertextual Web Search", Computer Science Department, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305, USA, November 1997 (~~<http://www-db.stanford.edu/~backrub/google.html>~~). Google's ranking strategy involves, in simple terms, considering a hit list within a document for a search term, and applying weights to each according to a set of types. The search engine then counts the number of hits for each type in the hit list. Every count is converted to a count-weight, and the vector of type-weight is taken to give an IR score. The IR score is combined with a Page Rank to give a final rank to the document.

Page 3, lines 10-21, please replace with the following paragraphs:

Brief Description of drawings

Fig. 1 is a flow diagram of the general method of a search result ordering system.

Fig. 2 shows a software architecture of a search ordering system.

Fig. 3 is a block diagram of a pattern finder architecture.

Fig. 4 is a schematic representation of a computer system suitable for performing the techniques described with reference to **Figs. 1** to **3**.

Detailed ~~description~~ Description of the Preferred Embodiments

~~Overview~~

Page 4, lines 24-25, replace with the following paragraph:

~~Architecture~~

Fig. 2 is a software architecture for a search ordering system **30**.

Page 9, lines 22-32, replace with the following paragraph:

~~Comparative performance~~

A comparative performance test was carried out, by which a GoogleTM result set was obtained and ranked according to its ranking algorithm. Secondly, the raw GoogleTM results were processed by a form of the system embodying the present invention. The recurring events-related web pages were identified by the presence of any form of date or year occurring in the title or in the snippet of each page within the search results. A pattern finder of the form shown in **Fig. 3**, based on the attributes of date and year was utilised. The Pattern Finder **72** used the first one hundred search results returned by GoogleTM to search for web pages that formed a pattern. The ordering mechanism chosen is that the web pages forming a pattern are moved to the first position given by GoogleTM to the any web page that belongs to the pattern.

Page 11, lines 9-11, replace with the following paragraph:

The web page having the latest information about DaWaK in the 2nd position in the search results returned.

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Page 13, lines 10-13, replace with the following paragraph:

Conclusion

A benefit of the invention is obtaining an ordered search result that matches the user's intention without the user needing to state that intention.